

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 4th September, 2023



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you for getting your children to school as often as possible, for supporting school events, for reaching out, for seeking support, for offering assistance, for being kind, for acknowledging the hard work and for trying your best. From all of the staff, we wish you a wonderful holiday break when it commences at the end of next week. You deserve it!

Melton District Athletics Carnival

Last week selected students participated in the Melton District Athletics Carnival at Bridge Road. Our students gave their all and tried their best when competing against other schools. Whilst waiting for their events, they showed exceptional sportsmanship by cheering on their peers and were great ambassadors for our school by showing outstanding behaviour. A huge congratulations to all of the students who placed in their event and will now go onto the next level of competition, divisional athletics - Jake M, Mason R, Fynn B, Athieng C, Kothen L, Emmett L, Charlotte P and Aneti R. A special thank you to our staff that organised and attended the District Athletics - Mr Gallagher, Mrs Ward, Mr Wheelahan, Mrs Blain, Mrs Reardon, Mrs Partridge and Mrs Grundy.

2-6 Swimming Carnival

Students in Years 2-6 will participate in our annual swimming carnival on Friday 16th September. We encourage family members to come along and cheer on their child/ren. Good luck to everyone involved.

Grade 2 Sleepover

Students in Grade 2 are set and ready to participate in the Grade 2 sleepover this week. They will have the opportunity to see a magician, venture to Mick's Jump n Play and enjoy a night away from their family. A huge thank you to Ms Lucas, Mr McCabe, Ms McClelland, Mrs Forbes, Ms Basaric, Ms Fairbrother, Ms Sposato and Mrs Quinlan for their organisation and attendance at this event.

Sunsmart

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Planning for 2024

Planning for 2024 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, **if you know that your child/ren are not likely to be at Melton Primary in 2024**, can you **please notify the office** so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2024, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them.

R U Ok? Day

We encourage you to wear a splash of yellow for R U Ok Day on Thursday 14th September. Take the time on this day to ask someone if they are ok. Reach out to someone you may not have spoken to in a while.

Father's Day Stall

We hope that all of our male role models had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. A huge thank you to Mrs Magnano for her coordination of the Father's Day stall and the support provided by Mrs Hunt. A special thank you to our parent helping hands that assisted with our Father's Day stall - Megan Coulson, Lauran Browne-Kerr, Hannah Young, Michelle Ferguson, Heather Harrison, Bek Mcatamney, Kristen Gordon, Tiffany Stone, Kate Campbell, Jada Geddes, Andrea Rickard, Fiona Hindrak and Skye Banbury.

Planning Week

This week the teachers are involved in a day of planning for term 4. Students will have all of their specialist classes on one day this week so that teachers can engage in planning.

From the Principal's desk

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge - CLOSES Friday 8th September

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 8th September so please ensure that you log all of the books that your child has read. Students who complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Congratulations to those students who have already completed the challenge.

35+ Nights Reading - Term 3 goal

Teachers will be shortly asking to see your child's nightly reading log as we prepare to write our term 3 reading ribbons.

Switching off

Please be advised that from close of business on Friday 15th September, our staff will be switching off and enjoying a well deserved break. I encourage staff, students and parents to switch off and not make contact with each other until the day before school resumes.

Last Day Term 3

Term 3 is quickly drawing to an end. Students will finish the term on **Friday 15th September at 2:30pm**. Students will resume for term 4 on Monday 2nd October.

Key contacts should you or your family need support

Lifeline (Crisis Support) 13 11 14

Beyond Blue (Counselling and Support) 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline (Support for children and young people aged 5-25) 1800 55 1800

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 3, 2023

September

3rd - Father's Day

5th - 6th Grade 2 Sleepover

6th - Grade 6 Transition Workshop

7th - R U Ok? Day

8th - Foundation Fairy Park Excursion

8th - Grade 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

13th - Football Dress Up Day

14th - 2024 Foundation Orientation Session

15th - 2-6 Swimming Carnival

15th - Melton Minis 1:30pm

15th - Progress Reports to parents

15th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish



Key Dates for Term 4, 2023

October

2nd

Term 4 commences

6th

$\frac{3}{4}$ Maths Games Day - selected students

11th

Foundation 2024 Orientation

12th

$\frac{3}{4}$ AFL - selected students

13th

Melton Minis 2:05pm

16th

Teeth on Wheels visit

17th

Regional Athletics - selected students

18th

$\frac{5}{6}$ Rugby League - selected students

18th

Uniting Kindergarten Visit

19th

Teeth on Wheels visit

19th

$\frac{5}{6}$ Rugby Union - selected students

25th

$\frac{3}{4}$ Rugby

27th

World Teacher's Day

27th

Melton Minis 2:05pm

We are Sun-Smart



Surf Hat - \$8



Wide Brim Hat - \$6

Melton Primary School is a Sun-Smart school. From the 1st of September all students are required to wear a school hat when outside.

Hats can be purchased from the office.



Bucket Hat - \$5



Sensational Attendance

ATTENDANCE

LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES

1B 4D 4B

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY
enter an absence on Compass or
phone 9753 5335 and select 1 to leave a message

**WHEN DO ABSENCES
BECOME AN ISSUE?**



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



R U OK Day

Just a friendly reminder that R U OKAY day is approaching soon.

Wear a splash of yellow: Thursday 14th of September Everyone is able to wear yellow to school. It is still full school uniform unless you are wearing a yellow top/ jumper. Otherwise, they can wear a touch of yellow.

gold coin donation required



Start a conversation using these 4 steps



MPS FOOTY DAY

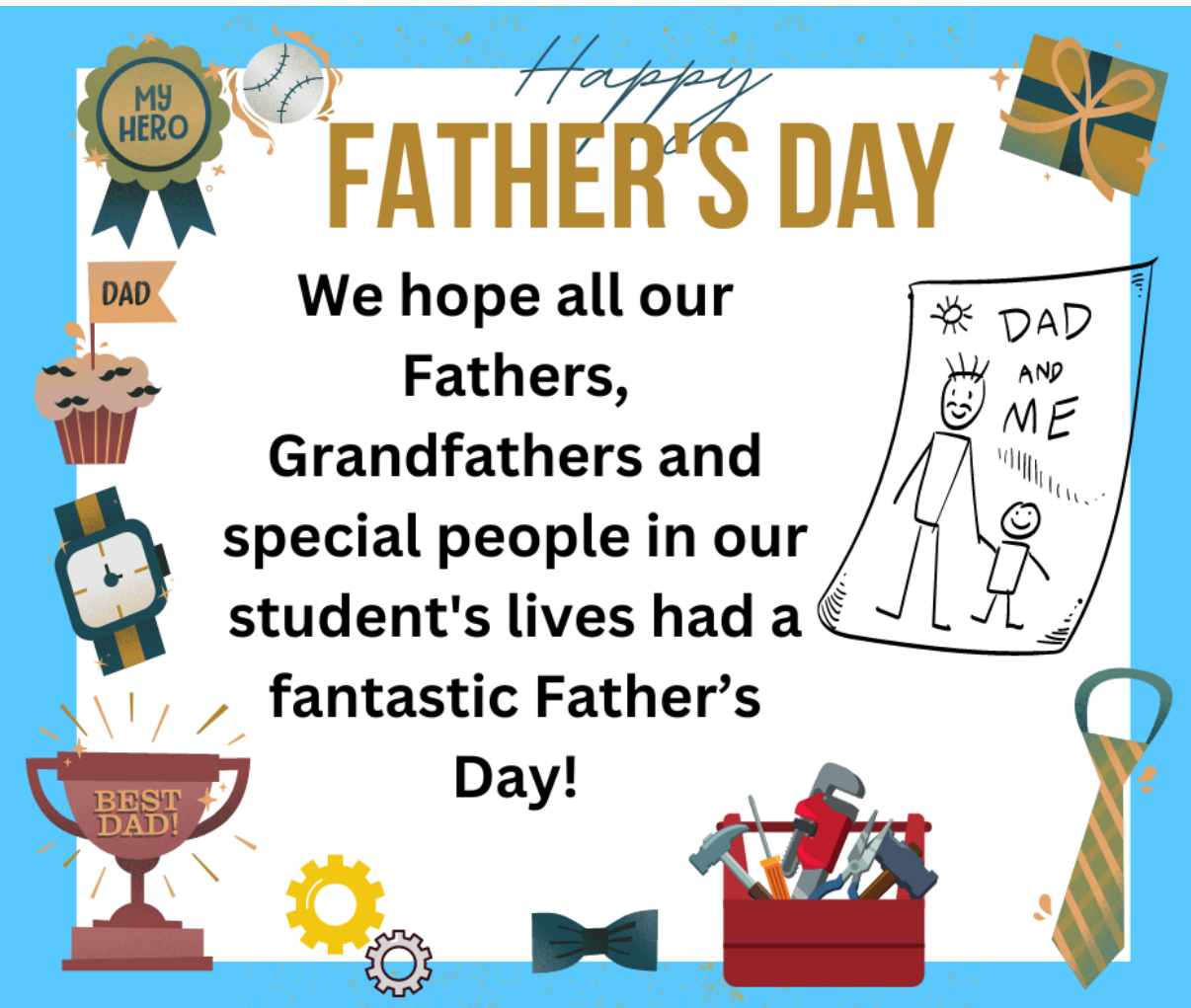
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR AFL/NRL TEAM COLOURS! THERE IS NO COST TO DRESS UP.

WE WELCOME PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR FOOTY PARADE AT 9AM ON THE OVAL. PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS.





Thank You!

to our Helping Hands
for running the
Father's Day Stall

Megan, Lauran, Hannah,
Michelle, Heather, Bek,
Kristen, Tiffany,
Kate, Jada, Andrea,
Fiona and Skye.

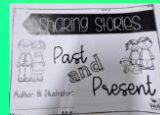
Without these
volunteers our stall
would not have been
able to run.

Grade 1

The grade 1 classes have been busy comparing life from the past to life in the present. So far, we've compared toys, family life, transport and school.



We thank you for taking the time to complete the 'Sharing Stories' homework with your child. The students have enjoyed sharing the responses with their classmates.



Grade 3

Museum Excursion:

Friendly reminder to ensure payment has been made for the Grade 3 excursion to the Museum. The excursion will be this Friday the 8th of September.

- Please make sure all students bring lunch and water in a plastic bag with their name clearly labelled.



Hats:

We are now in Spring... so that means HAT SEASON!

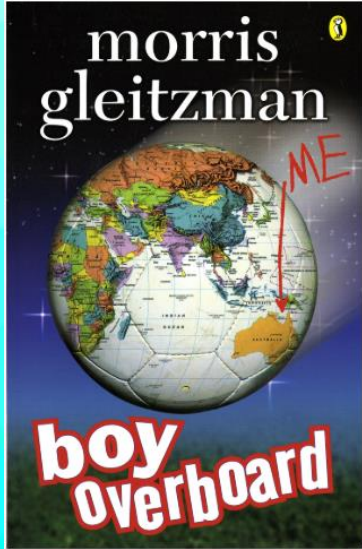
Please ensure your child has a hat to wear.

- If your child does not have a hat, they will be required to sit in the shade.
- If you would like to purchase a hat, please go and see the office :)



Grade 5

This term our cohort read **Boy Overboard** by **Morris Gleitzman**. We absolutely loved studying this book and having many discussions about the themes and experiences of characters. At the end of the book, we created some visualisations and wrote some summaries of the pivotal moments in the story.



Jamal and Bibi were in the lounge room thinking that they're going to get in trouble because they were playing soccer. Their parents were in the bedroom talking. Then mum and dad walked out of the bedroom.

Dad told Jamal and Bibi that they all had to leave. Jamal originally thought that it was because Bibi was playing soccer which is illegal because Bibi's a girl. They tried to reassure their parents that no one saw Bibi playing soccer and that the landmine didn't explode.

Dad said that it wasn't about them playing soccer so Jamal asked if it was about the brake lights. After Jamal's dad said it wasn't about the brake lights on the taxi, Jamal thought it was because dad put petrol made for tanks in his taxi but it was really because the government found out about the school Jamal's mum ran.

Jamal was filled with rage. He didn't want to leave. He was so angry he could punch a tank. Mum was really upset because the thing she dreamed of doing was to teach. Now they had to flee.

By Charli C & Youssef M

Bibi and Jamal were on a sinking boat, that is in the middle of the ocean. The boat was getting hit by massive waves from the dangerous storm. Bibi and Jamal were using cans to scoop water and throwing it back into the ocean.

Bibi and Jamal were shivering in the cold water, trying to help, then the warship came to save them and then Bibi and Jamal were safe eating food on the ship.

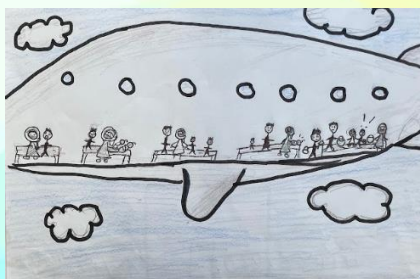
By Brody N

Jamal was stressed about his parents because their boat sunk. He frantically ran to a group of Australian sailors that were smoking. He yelled at them to launch a rescue boat for the survivors but the sailors didn't understand him because he spoke a different language so they looked at each other and shooed Jamal away.

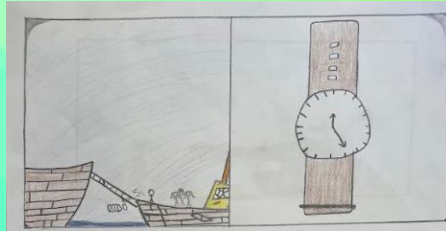
Jamal thought that they didn't care about the people in the sea so he kept yelling at them, but after he realized the sailors didn't understand a word, he cried. Jamal grabbed a stick and drew in the sand a sinking boat, a warship and a bunch of people in the ocean more than the warship could handle.

One of the sailors smirked. Jamal was filled with anger and worry from that. The sailor snatched the stick and drew a big island and pointed to it. He said that that was Australia then drew a small island and said that, that was not Australia and they were there. Jamal realized he and Bibi weren't in Australia but on an island in the Pacific Ocean.

By Aurora F



When Jamal realised that mum was sad. He tried making her feel better until the men in uniform checked their bags. And, that's when Jamal found out that she was sad because mum didn't have the candlestick.



Smugglers invaded the boat that Jamal and Bibi were on and stole all the valuable stuff they could. They demanded for more and threw Jamal's loaf of bread into the ocean when he tried to give it to them. Omar had nothing, neither did anyone apart from Rashida who handed the smugglers a watch. After that they took off with all the good stuff.

Sophia chapter 31 till 33 Sumarse 1.9.23
The STORM

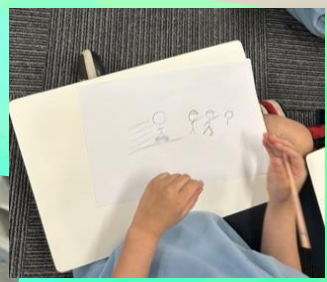
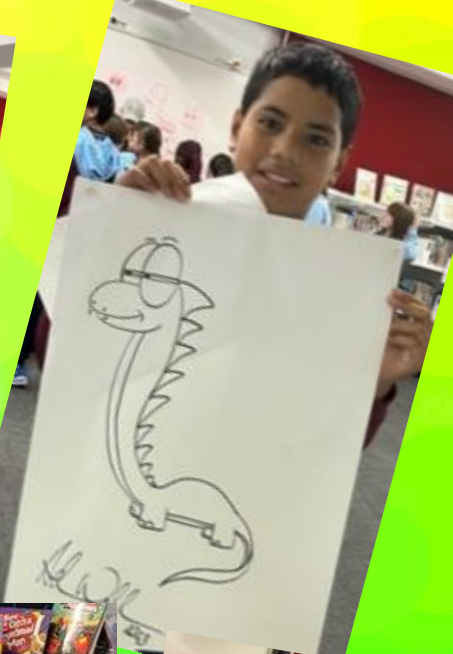
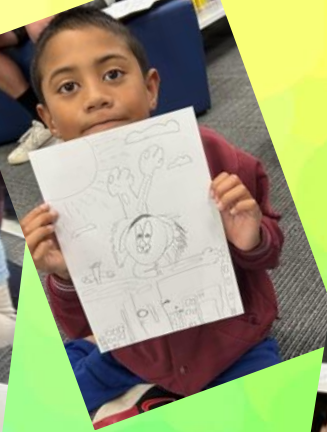
During chapters 31, 32 & 33 a few things happened. Jamal saw that the sky was going to open and pour down rain. The storm started the waves got higher and their small boat began to fill with water. It was just Jamal and Bibi down in the bottom of the boat. Jamal spotted vegetable cans. He had a plan. They grabbed the tins and started scooping water out of the boat. They were scared but determined to stay alive.



In Chapter 33 Jamal and Bibi have to start scooping out the water that got into the boat. They are tied together with Bibi's headscarf that Rashida gave. Bibi's lips were blue and she was still going and she got that resilience from the Baker. Ancestory also her father.



Grade 5



Adam Wallace Author visit



ROYAL

MELTON SHOW

GUEST STAR YOU!

GAMES
SHOWBAGS
SLUSHIES
ANIMALS
MUSIC
TATTOOS
PRIZES

ARE YOU READY TO HAVE SOME
FUN?!

FRIDAY 15
DECEMBER 2023

80%
ATTENDANCE

GET TICKET

MPS SCHOOL CONCERT

DECEMBER 18, 2023
4.30PM

GATES OPEN AT 4.15PM

More information coming soon...

Vacation Care Program - Spring 18 – 28 September 2023



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

7:00am – 6:00pm. Monday to Friday, school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathulloch.

Cost

\$85.55 per day prior to Child Care Subsidy (CCS) being applied. Excursions and Incursions may incur an additional cost. We have many FREE activities; however, some Excursions may cost \$38 and Incursions \$26.

Enrolment Opens

8.00am Friday, 25th August 2023

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 8th September 2023

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Reminder... absences are charged unless you notify us in advance.

Contact

Email: vaccationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Vacation Care Supervisor Mobile: 0401 709 351 (Wednesday and Friday during term & Monday - Friday during School Holiday Program)

Program Mobile: 0413 480 812 (During School Holiday Program)

Website: www.melton.vic.gov.au/vaccationcare

Monday, 18th Sept. – Spring into Spring

Spring into Spring with park play, making bug rings and caterpillar leaves. We will also make and play fruit salad and make scones for afternoon tea.

Tuesday, 19th Sept. – Let's get potting Free Bunnings Incursion

Bunnings is coming to visit us where we will decorate a pot plant and plant a flower. We will be enjoying indoor, outdoor play and baking choc banana bread for afternoon tea.

Wednesday, 20th Sept. – Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion \$36.80

Bring your gum boots, rain jackets, gloves, scarfs, and beanies today! We are departing 10:00am sharp and taking a coach bus to Ballarat Wildlife Park where we will listen to animal presentations, see the animals, and feed the kangaroos. Departing Ballarat Wildlife Park at 3:30pm and arriving back at Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre at 4:30pm.

Thursday, 21st Sept. – Watercolour Fun

Join us today to try our artistic hands are water colour painting. We will making our own watercolour bookmarks and watercolour paintings. As well as enjoying indoor/outdoor play and baking cupcakes for afternoon tea.

Friday, 22nd Sept. – Fitness Fri-Yay

Don't let our name scare you, it may be fitness Fri-Yay but it will be fun fitness. Join us for some dancing games, group games, fitness bingo and lots of laughs. We will also enjoy some park play and baking lemon squares for afternoon tea.

Monday, 25th Sept. – Big M Day

Did you know the rumour that Big M was invented in Melton? Come join us today to learn about the history of Big M and try our own hand at making our own version of Big M's, we may even get a little wild and make it a thickshake? We will also be decorating our own mugs to take home.

Tuesday, 26th Sept. – Xplosion Bowling \$36.80

Are you ready to bowl? Come join us as we on a coach bus to Xplosion bowling in Melton. We will play one game of bowling and have fun in the arcade. If it is not raining, then we will go have lunch and walk at Melton's Botanic Gardens. Departing at 11am and arriving back at 2pm. Please remember to wear runners as this is required to bowl.

Wednesday, 27th Sept. – Build Your own adventure

Today we are splitting into groups and going around on adventures with our friends. We will visit hama bead land, scratch art heaven, shield making and writing our first ever Melton Vacation Care Book.

Thursday, 28th Sept. – Footy Mania Incursion \$25.25

Are you excited for a day of footy favourites? We will go over to the oval to kick around the footy, we might even play number footy. We are painting our faces in our footy colours, and we have a jumping castle coming. Our afternoon tea will be all footy favourites, hot dogs, and pies.

Friday, 29th Sept. – CLOSED Public Holiday.

* Activities are subject to change



Vacation Care - Spring 2023

SEP 18 th – SEP 29 th Costs	Mon 18 th	Tues 19 th	Wed 20 th	Thurs 21 st	Fri 22 nd	Mon 25 th	Tues 26 th	Wed 27 th	Thurs 28 th	Fri 29 th
Activities Daily fee \$85.55	Spring into Spring	Let's get potting Bunnings FREE Incursion	Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion	Watercolour Fun	Fitness Fri-Yay	Big M Day	Xplosion Bowling	Build Your own adventure	Footy Mania Incursion	
+ Incursion \$26										
+ Excursion \$38										

Please tick (✓) the dates you would like to book for your child/ren

Child 1 Name:	Date of Birth:
Days attending	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Child 2 Name:	Date of Birth:
Days attending	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

*Activities may change without notice. Parent/guardian cancellation may still incur fees.

Booking Agreement

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian print name)

- declare that I am a person with lawful authority for the child referred to in this Booking Sheet
- understand that the statement provided to me before the program is an estimate only, based on current information provided to the Service by the Department of Human Services (DHS); if there are any changes to my family circumstances or income it is my responsibility to inform the DHS. A final statement will be provided after the completion of the program, which will indicate accurate charges
- agree that I am liable to pay fees for all successfully booked days and in addition the associated incursion or excursion costs, by the due date for payment, regardless of whether my child actually attends the days booked, and understand that failure to do so will result in my booked days being cancelled
- I have read and acknowledge the above excursions/incursions details, costs and will be sent via email the risk assessment which covers specific detail such as ratios, transport, water risks, location drop off/pick up, arrival and departure times, seatbelts, number of staff and children, accounting for children (roll call and headcounts), etc. before the commencement of the program. I give permission for my child/ren named to participate in the above excursions/incursions as indicated and understand this is a program based (see dates above) authority. I will give at least 2 days' notice of cancellation of any excursion/incursion, otherwise fees may apply.
- understand cancellations can only be made up until the enrolment close date (as specified on the Activity Flyer), and that cancellations after the enrolment close date will only be accepted at the discretion of program management
- understand and accept that a late enrolment fee of \$22.50 will be incurred for enrolments after the enrolment close date (as specified on the Activity Flyer)
- agree to pay a late fee of \$5 for the first 5 minutes and \$1 per minute per child, for each child if I collect my child(ren) after 6.00pm.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



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Youth Fund



SUBSIDISED
REGISTRATION FEES
FOR EXTRA
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES AT
COUNCIL VENUES

AVAILABLE FOR 8-16 YEAR OLD
MELTON RESIDENTS FROM LOW-
INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

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music.
Practice
makes perfect.*

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